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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Operation

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At 1800 hrs., 21 December 1960, Mr. Hugh Cumming, Department of State, called the undersigned and informed him that Operation had been approved by the Secretary of State and Mr. Merchant. Mr. Cumming stated the Secretary was most enthusiastic and hoped that as many missions as possible could be performed between now and January. The Secretary gave Mr. Cumming full authority to approve any future missions during the Secretary's absence over the Holidays.

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